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H 4004 General Bill, By Horne and King

Summary: Medical use of cannabis

    A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SUBARTICLE 5 TO ARTICLE 18, CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 SO AS TO ALLOW THE MEDICAL USE OF LOW-THC CANNABIS BY CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WITH CERTAIN MEDICAL CONDITIONS, TO GRANT PHYSICIANS THE AUTHORITY TO ORDER LOW-THC CANNABIS FOR MEDICAL USE BY A PATIENT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO REQUIRE CREATION OF A COMPASSIONATE USE REGISTRY TO FACILITATE THE PURPOSES OF THE SUBARTICLE, TO REQUIRE ESTABLISHMENT OF DISPENSING ORGANIZATIONS TO DISPENSE LOW-THC CANNABIS FOR MEDICAL USE, TO PROTECT QUALIFYING PATIENTS, DESIGNATED CAREGIVERS, AND PHYSICIANS FROM ARREST, PROSECUTION, AND CERTAIN PENALTIES FOR CONDUCT PERMITTED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE SUBARTICLE, TO ESTABLISH CRIMINAL PENALTIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; BY ADDING SUBARTICLE 7 TO ARTICLE 18, CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 SO AS TO ALLOW CERTAIN ENTITIES TO CONDUCT RESEARCH ON CANNABIDIOL AND LOW-THC CANNABIS, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO FACILITATE PROPER TECHNIQUES FOR HANDLING AND TESTING OF MARIJUANA-INFUSED PRODUCTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; TO AMEND SECTION 44-53-110, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS OF TERMS, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION FOR MARIJUANA; TO AMEND SECTION 44-53-1810, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS OF TERMS, SO AS TO INCLUDE DEFINITIONS FOR ADDITIONAL TERMS; TO AMEND SECTION 44-53-1840, RELATING TO IMMUNITY FROM ARREST AND PROSECUTION UNDER STATE AND LOCAL LAW, PROTECTION FROM CERTAIN PENALTIES, AND THE DUTY TO DEFEND, SO AS TO PROVIDE IMMUNITY AND OTHER PROTECTIONS FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WHO ACT IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTIONS 44-53-1820 AND 44-53-1830; AND TO REDESIGNATE CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ARTICLE 18 AS SUBARTICLES.

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